Facelift of ITIs in the country

2133. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to invest Rs. 750/- crores for ITIs facelift in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the ITIs in Orissa that are proposed to be covered in this facelift?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES) : (a) For upgradation of Government ITIs in the Country the Central Government has launched a new Scheme **"Upgradation of 1396 Govt. ITIs through Public Private Partnership"**: The first batch of 300 ITIs has been taken up for upgradation at a cost of Rs. 750.00 Cr. in 2007-08.

(b) Under this Scheme an Industry Partner is associated with each ITI to lead the process of upgradation. An Institute Management Committee (IMC) is set up in the ITI with the Industry Partner or its representative as the Chairperson and the Principal of the ITI as the member Secretary. The IMC is registered as a Society and an interest free loan of upto Rs. 2.5 Cr. is given directly to the IMC Society. The loan is repayable by the IMC Society over a period of 30 years.

For 2007-08, four Government ITIs in the State of Orissa viz. ITIs at Puri, Cuttak, Umerkote, and Chhatrapur (Women) have been covered under this Scheme and interest free loan of Rs. 10 Cr. has been released to them at a rate of Rs. 2.5 Cr. per ITI.

Violation of labour laws by pesticide making companies

†2134. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pesticide making companies are violating existing labour laws and security measures;

(b) if so, names of the companies, State-wise against which action has been taken during the last three years; and

(c) whether in order to ensure proper implementation of existing labour laws and security measures, procedures adopted by these companies have been received by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Productivity ratio of Indian Labour

2135. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how does our labour compare with Singapore, Japan, China, Korea in productivity ratio;

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